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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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☒ This application has been examined ☐ Responsive to communication filed on _____ ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire _____ month(s), 30 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 19-31 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.

4. ☐ Claims _____ are rejected.

5. ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.

6. ☒ Claims 19-31 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☐ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).

12. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.

13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

Species Election

This application encompasses numerous different species of a generic invention. There are least seven alternative engine systems for establishing multiple exhaust streams. These include the systems of Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6, and a seventh embodiment (not shown) employing a variable pressure ratio fan as in claim 24. (There may be further alternative systems based on combinations of the seven systems previously listed.) There are also 6 alternative exhaust end configurations as shown respectively in Figure 7a, Figure 7B, Figure 8A, Figure 8B, Figure 8C, and Figure 8D. Pursuant to 35 USC § 121, applicant is required for a complete response to elect a single species by selecting one of the alternative engine systems and further selecting one of the alternative exhaust end configurations. The combination of the selected engine system and selected end configuration will constitute the elected species. Applicant is further required to list all claims readable on the elected species including any claims subsequently added (MPEP 809.02(a)).

It is unclear whether any of the present claims are fully generic to all species. Applicant is advised however that a mere argument alleging that a generic claim exists or is allowable will not satisfy the species election requirement. For a com

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plete response, applicant must elect a single species as set forth above.

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